

SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION 證券及期貨事務監察委員會

# A Consultation Paper on the Securities and Futures (Levy) Order and the Securities and Futures (Levy) Rules

《證券及期貨(徵費)令》及《證券及期貨(徵費) 規則》的諮詢文件

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## Consultation

This consultation document invites public comments on the draft **Securities and Futures** (Levy) Order ("the draft Order") and the **Securities and Futures** (Levy) Rules ("the draft Rules") which it is proposed should be made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 394(1) and (5) respectively of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (No. 5 of 2002) ("the Ordinance") when it commences.

## Introduction

1. Like the Securities and Futures Commission Ordinance (Cap. 24) ("the SFC Ordinance"), the Ordinance does not contain detailed provisions setting out how the arrangements for the imposition and payment to the Securities and Futures Commission ("the SFC") of transactions levies will operate. It merely gives the Chief Executive in Council the necessary power, under section 394(1) and (5), to prescribe requirements in the subsidiary legislation. This provides the flexibility to address changing market conditions by quickly amending the order and rules rather than the primary legislation.

2. There are controls built into the legislative system, whereby any order or rules made by the Chief Executive in Council must be subject to negative vetting by the Legislative Council. In addition, a mandatory consultation requirement is stipulated in section 398 of the Ordinance. The SFC therefore now releases the draft Order (see Attachment 1) and the draft Rules (see Attachment 2) for public consultation.

3. The public may obtain copies of the consultation document and the attachments free of charge at the SFC's office and on the SFC's Internet website at <a href="http://www.hksfc.org.hk">http://www.hksfc.org.hk</a>.

4. The SFC invites interested parties to submit written comments on the draft Order and the draft Rules or to comment on related matters that might have a significant impact upon the draft Order and the draft Rules **no later than 30 April 2002**. Any person wishing to comment should provide details of any organization whose views they represent. In addition, persons suggesting alternative approaches are encouraged to submit proposed text to amend the draft Order and the draft Rules.

## Background to the draft Order and the draft Rules

5. Copies of the draft Order and the draft Rules are attached.

6. The draft Order specifies, for the purposes of section 394(1)(a) of the Ordinance, the rate of levy payable by a seller and a purchaser, respectively, on a sale and purchase of securities. It also specifies, for the purposes of section 394(1)(b) of the Ordinance, the amount of levy payable by a seller and a purchaser, respectively, on a sale and purchase of a futures contract.

7. The draft Order has been prepared having regard to the existing Securities and Futures Commission (Levy)(Securities) Order and Securities and Futures Commission (Levy)(Futures Contracts) Order, which are made, respectively, under section 52(1) and (2) of the SFC Ordinance.

8. The draft Rules prescribe, for the purposes of section 394(5), the manner in which payments of levies under section 394(1) of the Ordinance must be made and impose charges for late payment of such levies. They also prescribe matters concerning the keeping, examination and audit of the accounts of recognized exchange companies relating to the collection and payment to the SFC of such levies.

9. The draft Rules have been prepared having regard to the existing Securities and Futures Commission (Levy) Rules, which are made under section 52(8) of the SFC Ordinance.

## **New Policy Initiatives**

10. No new policy changes have been incorporated into the draft Order and the draft Rules, which are intended simply to replicate the existing provisions.

## **Other matters**

11. Please note that the names of the commentators and the contents of their submissions may be published on the SFC web site and in other documents to be published by the SFC. In this connection, please read the Personal Information Collection Statement attached to this consultation paper.

12. You may not wish your name and/or submission to be published by the SFC. If this is the case, please state that you wish your name and/or submission to be withheld from publication when you make your submission.

13. The public is invited to submit comments in writing before close of business on 30 April 2002. They may be sent

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14. The draft Order and the draft Rules should be read in conjunction with the Securities and Futures Ordinance itself.

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  - for the purposes of performing the SFC's statutory functions under the relevant Ordinances
  - for research and statistical purposes
  - other purposes permitted by law

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